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27th June, 2014

The Principal Secretary, Forest & Environment Department,

Govt. of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.

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Diversion of 8.4963 ha of forest land for establishment of Mahanadi Institute of Medical Science & Research at Talcher by Mahanadi Medical Education Trust of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. in Angul Forest Division of Angul district, Odisha.

Sir.

1 am directed to refer State Govt. letter No.10F(Cons)-36/2012-24184/F&E dated 26.12.2012, wherein prior approval of the Ministry of Environment & Forests for diversion of 8.4963 ha of forest land for establishment of Mahanadi Institute of Medical Science & Research at Talcher by Mahanadi Medical Education Trust of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. in Angul Forest Division of Angul district, Odisha, was sought in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After due consideration of the proposal by the Ministry of Environment & Forests and on the basis of recommendation of State Advisory Group, the in-principle approval for diversion of the said forest land was accorded by Ministry vide letter of even number dated 14.08.2013, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested to grant final approval.

In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government of Odisha vide their letter No. 10F(Cons) 36/2012-986/F&E dated 18.01,2014 and No.10F(Cons)22/2014-9008/F&E dated 15.05.2014 and OSD, Ad-hoc CAMPA, New Delhi letter No.1-26/2013-CAMPA dated 20.06.2014, approval of the Ministry of Environment & Forests is hereby granted under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 8.4963 ha of forest land for establishment of Mahanadi Institute of Medical Science & Research at Talcher by Mahanadi Medical Education Trust of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. in Angul Forest Division of Angul district, Odisha, subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged. 1.
- Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained over double the degraded 2. forest land i.e. 8.4963 ha. X 2 = 16.9926 or 17.00 ha identified in Dera PRF of Talcher Range of Angul district at the cost of user agency by State Forest Department.
- Additional amount of NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after 3. finalization of the some by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, shall be charged by State Govt, from the user agency. An undertaking from the user agency shall be ard. obtained in

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- The user agency shall implement green belt, scheme approved by the competent authority at the project in consultation with State Forest Department. The scheme shall also have provision for undertaking plantation within the vacant spaces available in the Medical College premises apart from 1.2137 ha of land earmarked to be maintained as Green Belt.
- The user agency shall take appropriate measures at project cost for prevention of soil crosion in consultation with Forest Department and other professional experts.
- The user agency shall take appropriate measures for protection of wildlife available in the area in consultation with Forest Department.
- The user agency shall undertake proper Medical waste disposal measures for Indoor and Outdoor patient.
- No earth or any construction material shall be brought from nor debris resulting during construction shall be disposed off in the adjoining forest area.
- No fresh road will be allowed inside forest area for any activity related to the project work.
- No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
- 11. The user agency shall provide fire wood, preferably alternate fuel, to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage/felling trees.
- The user agency shall ensure that there shall be no damage to the available forest, wildlife, if any by the user agency or by the Labourers/Contractors engaged by them.
- The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- 14. The forest land diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment & Forests.
- The layout plan of the proposal in the proposed forest land shall not be changed without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment & Forests.
- The User Agency shall obtain environmental clearance under the provisions Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
- The user agency shall submit annual self monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and Eastern Regional Office.
- 18. The user agency will obtain the clearance under the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 before implementation of the project and will submit certificates towards the settlement of all claims & rights over the proposed forest land as per the guidelines of the Ministry communicated via arr No.11-9/1998-FC (Pt.) dated 30.07.2009, 03.08.2009, read with guidelines dr. 55.02.2013, 05.07.2013 and 20.12.2013.

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- Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF (Central), Bhubaneswar may impose from time to time in the inferest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, which shall be complied by the user agency.
- The user agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the 20. all Acts, Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the State Govt. shall report 21. to this office as per procedure laid down in the clause 1.9 of guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) 22. Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

(S. Mohapatra)

Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

- The Inspector General of Forests(FC), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi - 110 003.
- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya 2 Bhawan, C.S.Pur, Bhubaneswar - 16.
- The Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FC), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya 3. Bhawan, C.S.Pur, Bhubaneswar - 16.
- The Divisonal Forest Officer, Angul Forest Division, Angul, Odisha... 4.
- The General Manager, Jagannath Area, Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., Talcher, Angul. Odisha. 5.

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